

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 277

Introduced by Fulton, 29.

WHEREAS, Lincoln Southeast High School student Justin Tolston won the Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest state championship on March 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, students representing eighteen high schools spanning the breadth of Nebraska exhibited great academic rigor in competing in Poetry Out Loud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tolston exhibited tremendous competence in the arts through his recitation of "Writ on the Steps of Puerto Rican Harlem" by Gregory Corso, "A Black Man Talks of Reaping" by Arna Bontemps, and "Annabel Lee" by Edgar Allen Poe; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of his outstanding performance, Mr. Tolston will compete in the Poetry Out Loud national championship to be held April 28 and April 29, 2008, in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska recognizes the efforts of the Nebraska Arts Council and encourages the advancement of the Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Justin Tolston on his achievement and bestows its encouragement to him in his future endeavors.

2. That a copy of this resolution be delivered to Justin Tolston and Lincoln Southeast High School.